

HOUSE RESOLUTION 66
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Johnnie Mosley for his meritorious service to the greater Memphis community.

WHEREAS, this legislative body is pleased to recognize the contributions of those Tennesseans who, throughout their working careers and years of public service, have made significant contributions to their communities and have provided outstanding leadership in improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Johnnie Mosley is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; throughout his exemplary seventeen-year tenure with Memphis and Shelby County Public Libraries, he has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, before working as a librarian, Mr. Mosley graduated from LeMoyne-Owen College with a Bachelors of Arts degree; and

WHEREAS, currently working at North Branch Library and Information Center, Mr. Mosley provides the public with numerous library services and organizes informational meetings; he also coordinates and organizes many library programs including, Let's Rap About It, Creative Visual Art, Reading With My Peers, the Pyramid Book Club for Teens, Black History Month's Mentoring Program, the Youth Advisory Council, the Junior Library Club, and the Renaissance Men's Book Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mosley serves adroitly as a liaison with area schools and community agencies to encourage teen reading and assure the broadest scope of library service for teens; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Johnnie Mosley was recognized in *Memphis Magazine* in 2003 and by the Memphis City Council in 2003, and he was selected an honorary member of Memphis City Council in 1988, 1995, 2001, and 2003; he also received the Library Appreciation Award for Dedicated Library Service in 1997 and 2002, the Mayor's Community Service Award in 1988, 1994, and 1997, and the Alpha Phi Alpha's Fraternity Community Service Award in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mosley was presented with keys to the city for his meritorious community service in 1987 and 1988, and he was nominated for Neighborhood Leader of the Year in 1988 and 1989; featured in the magazine *Youth Express* in February 2004 for his devout commitment to young people, Johnnie Mosley was appointed to serve on the Mayor's Light Rail Task Force in 1993; and

WHEREAS, an active volunteer, Mr. Mosley founded and is Chairman of the Citizens for Better Services, and he is also a member of House District 86's Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Johnnie Mosley epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mosley is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; his dedication to progress, his foresight, and his boundless energy have tendered a profound, positive impact upon the lives of the young people of Memphis and Shelby County, and he is worthy of much praise and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize and honor Johnnie Mosley for his tireless commitment to improving the lives of his fellow citizens, especially our youth, and his undying devotion to the principles upon which this nation and State were founded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.